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- Secret intelligence documents show that the murder of Archbishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador last March was committed by a professional killer hired by right-wing military officers ousted from power last year. Code-named "Operation Pineapple," the plot involved the hit man, four security guards and a driver. The assassin, who was paid \$120,000 for the job, was equipped with a starlight scope that gave him clear aim in the dim cathedral. He also had four grenades in case he missed with the rifle.

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